

Idaho Big Game Seasons & Rules 2012



Deer

Elk

Pronghorn

Black Bear

Mountain Lion

Gray Wolf



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Deer, Elk, Pronghorn

August 2012 - February 2013

Black Bear, Mountain Lion, Gray Wolf

August 2012 - July 2013

Including Controlled Hunts for
Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Black Bear

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IT MAY BE AN **ALL-
TERRAIN
VEHICLE**, BUT
**NOT ALL
TERRAIN
IS OPEN.**

**NO HUNTING FOR EXCUSES.
CHECK IF YOUR TRAIL IS OPEN.**



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Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Wildlife Policy

“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.” — Idaho Code Section 36-103

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays. Offices in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions are in the Pacific Time zone; all others are in the Mountain Time zone.

Idaho Relay Service (TDD) 1-800-377-3529

Internet: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

To Receive Nonresident License Applications 208-334-3700

If you buy a nonresident license this year, you will automatically receive an application form for the following year. Applications will be mailed in November.

Other Information Numbers

- **Citizens Against Poaching; to report wildlife crimes: 1-800-632-5999**
- Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700
- U. S. Forest Service – Boise National Forest: 208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523
- Bureau of Land Management – Idaho Office: 208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
- On the Internet, go online to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee is added for this transaction.
- Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

To report wildlife crimes, call 1-800-632-5999. Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

This book includes important information about Idaho’s hunting laws. You can be fined or jailed if you violate these laws. Please have someone who reads English explain the information in this book for you.

Información Importante

En este libro se incluye la información acerca de las leyes de Idaho para cazar. Podrá ser sancionado o encarcelado si esta ley es violada. Por favor pide a una persona que lea Inglés para que le explique la información en de este libro.

You may refer to this link for laws pertaining to this rule book:

Administrative Procedures Act:

<http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa13/13index.htm>

More than 30 states have entered into a “Wildlife Violator Compact.” This means if your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked by any of the member states, all the remaining states will revoke the same license or privilege for the same time period. In addition, any nonresident who does not satisfy the requirements of an Idaho citation will have his/her hunting and fishing license revoked in their home state until those requirements are satisfied. For more information on the WVC and a complete list of member states, go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Idaho Fish and Game adheres to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, or handicap. If you feel you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility of IDFG, or if you desire further information, please write to: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707; or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, Mailstop: MBSP-4020, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. Telephone: (703) 358-2156. This publication will be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Department of Fish and Game for assistance.

Information in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of deer, elk and pronghorn. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

Costs associated with this publication are available from Idaho Fish and Game in accordance with Section 60-202, Idaho Code. 4-2012/325,000/41918.

Getting Started

To use this brochure:

- Pick the species you want to hunt, then refer to the section on that animal.
- Refer to the map on pages 88 and 89 to find an area to hunt.
- Find the unit numbers on the map and look up the seasons and restriction for those units.
- For help in this process, try the online Hunt Planner at the Fish and Game website <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Big game hunting in Idaho is regulated by numbered **game management units**. For a map of Fish and Game regions and game management units see pages 88 and 89.

General seasons for black bear, mountain lion, mule deer and white-tailed deer are arranged by these units.

Some seasons labeled **regular deer** include mule deer and white-tailed deer, other seasons are labeled **white-tailed** deer only.

General seasons for elk are arranged by larger areas called elk management zones, which are made up of one or more game management units. For a map of elk zones see page 29.

General seasons for gray wolf are arranged by larger areas called wolf management zones, which are made up of one or more game management units. *Wolf management zones are not the same as elk management zones.* For a map of wolf zones see pages 66 and 67.

Controlled hunts are listed by hunt numbers for controlled hunt areas, which consist of parts of one or more game management units.

Controlled hunt areas for deer are not the same as controlled hunt areas for elk or pronghorn or black bear.

For an explanation of controlled hunts and how to apply see pages 82-84.

When picking a controlled hunt, make sure to use the hunt number from the current year's rule book.

Detailed big game hunting rules and restrictions begin on page 73. License requirements and fees begin on page 100.

Note on licenses and tags:

A **hunting license** is required to hunt. A **trapping license** is required to trap gray wolf. In addition a **tag** is required for all big game species.

Helicopter Surveys: Hunters may encounter biologists conducting helicopter surveys during late season hunts December – March. They will try to avoid flying where hunters are observed.

What's NEW?

- Gray wolf hunting and trapping seasons are now included in this Big Game Seasons and Rules booklet. See pages 66-69.
- Wolf hunters may now purchase up to five wolf hunting tags per calendar year. Up to five tags may be used in the Panhandle, Palouse-Hells Canyon, Lolo, Selway, Dworshak-Elk City, and Middle Fork wolf management zones. No more than two wolf hunting tags may be used in the other wolf management zones. See page 68.
- Wolf trappers may now purchase up to five wolf trapping tags per trapping season. Up to five trapping tags may be used in the Panhandle (Units 1, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7 and 9 only), Lolo, Selway, Dworshak-Elk City, and Middle Fork Zones. No more than three wolf trapping tags may be used when trapping season is open in Units 19A and 25 in the McCall-Weiser wolf management zone. See page 69.
- General season antlerless elk hunts have been eliminated from the Panhandle elk management zone. Either-sex controlled hunt elk tags are available in some units. See page 45.
- Hunters may now use a second black bear tag in game management units 4, 6, 7 and 9. See page 60.

Bear Identification

All bear hunters are encouraged to learn to identify black bears and grizzly bears in the wild. Check out the bear identification training program that is available on our website at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/education/bearIdentification/>

2012 IDAHO BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE



IDAHO DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

IDAHO WILD SHEEP
FOUNDATION



2011 Idaho Auction Tag buyer, Doug Sayer (center), harvested his giant ram in Unit 11. The ram is the third largest taken in North America this year.



Another giant ram from Unit 11 was taken by Will Garrouette, guided by Jon Barker. This ram is the second largest taken in North America in 2010.

GUIDELINES

- Winner will be able to hunt in any unit open to sheep hunting for Rocky Mountain or California bighorn in 2012, pursuant to Fish & Game regulations--including Unit 11, Hells Canyon of the Snake River.
- Applicants, including youth, must be eligible to purchase a hunting license in Idaho in order to obtain these special tickets. This permit is non-transferrable. No purchase necessary, void where prohibited.
- Hunting license and permit will be provided to winner.
- Drawing will be made at 2:00 p.m., MDT, on Wednesday, July 25, 2012.
- **Once-in-a-lifetime rule** is waived for this raffle tag.
- Need not be present to win.

Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Funds from the Idaho Bighorn Sheep Raffle are used for the benefit and enhancement of bighorn sheep in Idaho. This form is also available on Idaho Chapter's website www.idahowildsheep.org.

No tickets are sent to buyer. We make out and submit tickets for you.

Keep this portion for your records.

Method of Payment _____

Date _____

Amount _____

No. Tickets _____

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IDAHO 2012 BIGHORN SHEEP TICKET ORDER FORM

(No limit to number of tickets purchased per individual.)

1 ticket (\$10) x no. _____ = \$ _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____
6 tickets (\$50) x no. _____ = \$ _____ # _____
14 tickets (\$100) x no. _____ = \$ _____
25 Tickets (\$166.75) x no. _____ = \$ _____ Exp. Date _____

Send form & check to:
Idaho WSF
P. O. 8224
Boise, ID 83707

Signature _____
Name (please print) _____
Address _____

**TICKET ORDERS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012**

City/State/ZIP _____
Phone () _____

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2012 Big Game Seasons and Rules

August 2012 through July 2013

Key Dates in 2012:

- 2012 hunting licenses are on sale from December 1, 2011 - December 31, 2012.
- Controlled hunt application period for deer, elk, pronghorn, and fall black bear: May 1 – June 5, 2012.
- Early deadline for depredation hunt application: June 30, 2012. See page 86.
- Controlled hunt application period for spring 2013 black bear: January 15 – February 15, 2013



Apply early for controlled hunts. See page 83 for application form.

Buy a Chance at a Super Hunt Tag, help pay for *Access Yes!*

Check out Hunt Planner Maps at our website. <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>

It is the responsibility of the hunter to become familiar with the rules that affect the hunt in which he or she is participating. This brochure provides seasons for general and controlled hunts, and it provides a summary of rules that govern big game hunting in Idaho. For details about the rules, please refer to these links:

- **Idaho Administrative Procedures Act**, <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa13/13index.htm>
- **Idaho Code** <http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm>

Mandatory Report Requirements: All deer, elk and pronghorn hunters are required to complete a **Mandatory Hunter Report** for each tag they purchase. Hunters are required to submit a report by phone or internet within 10 days after harvest. Hunters who do not harvest, or did not hunt, are required to report within 10 days after the close of the hunting season.

The best way to submit hunt information and the only way to get confirmation that the report was received is to report online. Go to: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

To submit by phone to a live operator, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week call toll free 1-877-268-9365.

Note: This brochure covers only rules for hunting deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, mountain lion and gray wolf. Information about hunting upland game, turkey, furbearer, waterfowl and moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat can be found separately in the Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey, the Waterfowl, or the Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat rules brochures.

